variety, Pusa Basmati-1, was released in 1989.

(c) Punjab , Haryana, Western Uttar Pradesh and Delhi.

(d) Quality seed of this variety is multiplied and popularised by he National and State Seed Corporations. The seed is also being distributed under the schemes of Integrated Programme for Rice Development (IRDP) and supply of minikits.

Agricultural Production

2692. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase agricultural production during Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, the strategies proposed to be adopted for increasing agricultural production;

(c) the aid and assistance proposed to be given to Rajasthan to promote agriculture;

(d) the scheme submitted by the Government of Rajasthan to the Union Governemnt for the promotion of agruculture; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate Central assistance to Rajasthan to promote agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The strategies proposed for increasing agricultural production during the Eighth Five Year Plan include (i) adoption of latest technology and its implementatin quickly; (iI0 following need based research recommendations; (iii) timely and need hbased supply of agricultural inputs; (iv) improvement in agricultural productivity in the dryland belts; (v) acceleration of agricultural growth in the eastern region; (vi) implementation of effective programmes of diversification of cropping pattern; (vii) promotion of scientifir=c post-harvest management of horticulture produce; (viii) acceleration of agricultural and lantation exports and import subsitution of selected commodities; (ix) diversification of agricultural and acceleration of agrobased rural activities covring serculture, fish-farming, poultry, animal husbandry, agriulture and silvi pasture systems.

(c) The aid and assistance proposed to be given to Rajasthan to promote the agriculture during the Eighth Five Year Plan has not yet been decided.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise in view of the reply given in part (c) above.

Extradition treaties with US and Canada

2693. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to initiate talks i=on extradition treaties with US and Canada; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVVSINH SOLNKI): (a) An extradition treaty with Canada was signed in February, 1987 and ratified in May the same year. The US-UK extradition treaty of 1939, which was acced to on behalf of Indian in 1942 remains enforced between India and the US.

(b) Does not arise.

Visit by P.L.O. Chief

2694. SHRI SHARAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether P.L.O. Chief visited India recently; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks held with him?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVVSINH SOLNKI): (a) Yes, Sir. President Yassir Arafat visited India from January 20-22, 1992.

(b) The visit provided an opportunity to exchange views on various International issuees including the ongoing peace process. India's continued strong commitment to the Palestinian cause and keennes to contribute effectively to promoting Palestinian interests in the peace process were reiterated president Arafat expressed appreciation for India's cnsistent support and stressed the importance of Indo-PLO relations. He favoured Indian participation in the multilateral phase of the West Asian peace talks in view of its clsose and friendly relations with all Arab countries.

Recruitment Camps of Para-Military Forces in U.P.

2695. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHAN DURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places in Uttar Pradesh where recruitment camps of the different para-military forces were held during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons recruited during the said period, forcce-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to hold recruitment camps of the said forces also during 1992 in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) The information is given in a statement attached.

(b) BSF rcruited 4560 candidates, CRPF recruited 2290 candidates, CISF recruited 1558 candidates, ITBP recruited 1678 candidates and Assam Rifles recruited 1924 candidates during the years 1989, 1990 and 1991 from Uttar Pradesh.

(c) and (d). BSF, CRPF and ITBP have no plans at present to carry out recruitment from Uttar Pradesh. Assam Rifles have tentativvely selected Gocher and CISF have tentatively selected Ghazipur and Deoria in Uttar Pradesh for recruitment in 1992.